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19 stream;

20 a device for forming multiple digital beam
21 forms from said digital bit stream; and

22 a digital receiver for processing said
23 multiple digital beams.

1 8. The antenna of claim 7, wherein said
2 device for forming multiple digital beam forms
3 utilizes a FFT technique to provide for
4 retrodirectivity.

1 9. The antenna of claim 7, wherein said
2 antenna transmits said multiple digital beams to a
3 plurality of satellites in the equatorial satellite
4 constellation.

1 10. The antenna of claim 8, wherein said
2 plurality of radiation elements are a plurality of
3 interdigitally spaced slotted wave guides.

1 11. The antenna of claim 7, wherein said
2 rotating plate is generally circular in shape.

1 12. The antenna of claim 11, wherein each
2 of said plurality of interdigitally spaced slotted
3 waveguides includes a slotted septum therein.

1 13. A method for forming multiple beams at
2 a commercial satellite antenna, comprising:
3 providing a plurality of radiation elements

4 on a surface of said commercial satellite antenna for
5 receiving a plurality of individual wave signals;

6 rotating said plurality of radiation
7 elements such that a wavefront of said plurality of
8 individual wave signals is in alignment with a major
9 axis of said plurality of radiation elements;

10 consolidating said plurality of wave
11 signals into a single analog signal;

12 forming multiple beam forms from said
13 single analog signal; and

14 transmitting said multiple beam forms to a
15 plurality of satellites in an equatorial satellite
16 constellation.

1 14. The method of claim 13, further
2 comprising;

3 converting said single analog signal to a
4 digital bit stream; and

5 forming multiple digital beam forms from
6 said digital bit stream.

1 15 The method of claim 14, further
2 comprising:

3 utilizing FFT techniques to form said
4 multiple digital beam forms to provide for satellite
5 retrodirectivity.

1 16. The method of claim 14, further
2 comprising:

3 processing said multiple digital beam forms

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1 17. The method of claim 14, wherein said
2 plurality of radiation elements electronically scan
3 for said wave signals in elevation.

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein said
2 surface of said antenna is comprised of a generally
3 circular plate that rotates for scanning mechanically
4 for said wave signals in azimuth.

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1 20. The method of claim 19, wherein said
2 plurality of cross-slotted waveguides are parallel
3 and interdigitally spaced with respect to each other.

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